



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No.: 7991.0006-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

**Bomi M. Bilimoria**

Application No.: 09/870,442

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE  
HIGH AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY  
OF MINERAL SLURRIES AND THE  
PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002, the period for reply having been extended three months to April 25, 2003 by a petition and fee filed concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please cancel paragraphs [045] – [048] and replace with the following amended text:

[045] The acid flocculated and dried SPS was dispersed with a blend of sodium polyacrylate and soda ash at about pH = 8 at various solids concentrations. The 0.5-gallon samples were milled/liquid worked in a Kady mill for 20 minutes. The

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